## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 495 By Crowe

## A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of noted Tennessee businessman Fred M. "Speedy" Clyce.

WHEREAS, it was with a profound sense of loss that the members of the Tennessee General Assembly learned of the death of Fred M. "Speedy" Clyce, a leading Johnson City businessman; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clyce, the son of the late Samuel A. and Mary Virginia Kennedy Clyce, was a native of Kingsport, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, he was a distinguished graduate of Dobyns-Bennett High School, where he participated in basketball, football, baseball, and track; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clyce fought bravely as a member of the United States Army, during World War II; and

WHEREAS, he worked for the *Kingsport Press* and then invested in and operated the popular Kingsport Bowling Center; and

WHEREAS, in 1952, he purchased a beer distributorship, changed its name to Clyce Distributing Company, and moved the company to Johnson City; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Clyce was elected as a member of the SunTrust Bank Board of Directors in 1978, and served admirably in that important position until 1985, when he retired and became an Honorary Director; and

WHEREAS, he generously lent his time and excellent leadership as a member and past director of the Tennessee Malt Beverage Association, the East Tennessee State University Foundation, and the Johnson City Country Club, was a past director of the East Tennessee State University Pirate Club, and the Johnson City/Washington County Area Chamber of Commerce, and a former member of the Johnson City Lions Club; and

WHEREAS, he served God faithfully as a member of the Munsey Memorial United Methodist Church, having been on their Administrative Board; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clyce was a loving husband to Mrs. Alberta Rose Greenlee Clyce; and WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we pause in our deliberations to honor the memory of Fred M. "Speedy" Clyce; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Fred M. "Speedy" Clyce, reflecting fondly on his countless contributions to the public good and to Tennessee business and express our deepest condolences to his family and friends.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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